

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 have been considered in the Office Action.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by A. IMIYA et al., "Inverse Quantization of Digital Binary Images for Resolution Conversion," Scale-Space and Morphology in Computer Vision - Third International Conference, Scale-Space 2001, vol. 2106, 7 July 2001, pages 426-434, XP002320439, Vancouver.

Claims 6-8 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent for including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

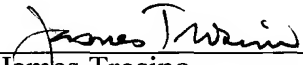
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Applicant has amended claim 1, cancelled claims 6-8 without prejudice, and added new claims 9-18. In particular, applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of original claims 1 and 6. In addition, application has added new independent claim 9, which includes all of the limitations of original claims 1 and 7, and new independent claim 14, which includes all of the limitations of original claims 1 and 8. Finally, applicant has added new claims 10-13 and 15-18, which depend from claims 9 and 14, respectively.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicant submits that this application, including claims 1-18, is allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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